

Appendix table 3-7.

Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by occupation and highest degree attained: 1997
(Dollars)

Occupation	Employed S&Es, total	Level of highest degree			
		Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Professional
All occupations, total	50,000	45,000	53,000	63,000	90,000
S&E occupations, total	55,000	52,000	59,000	62,000	80,000
Scientists, total	52,000	50,000	54,000	60,000	86,000
Computer/math scientists, total	56,000	54,000	60,000	65,000	67,000
Computer/information scientists	56,000	54,000	62,000	74,900	S
Mathematical scientists	59,800	52,500	60,000	70,000	S
Postsecondary teachers-computer/ math scientists	45,000	27,000	35,000	55,000	S
Life/related scientists, total	44,000	36,000	42,000	57,500	120,000
Agricultural/food scientists	41,000	37,000	40,000	60,000	S
Biological scientists	41,000	35,000	42,000	55,000	120,000
Environmental life scientists	45,000	41,000	52,000	59,000	S
Postsecondary teachers-life/related scientists	52,000	28,000	37,500	58,000	110,000
Physical/related scientists, total	50,000	42,000	51,000	65,000	S
Chemistry, except biochemistry	48,500	41,300	50,000	70,000	S
Earth scientists/geologists/oceanographers	50,000	46,500	53,000	62,000	S
Physicists/astronomers	63,000	42,000	58,000	73,000	S
Other physical/related scientists	45,000	37,500	50,000	77,800	S
Postsecondary teachers-physical/related scientists	50,000	14,500	41,000	55,000	S
Social/related scientists, total	45,000	25,000	41,100	54,000	53,000
Economists	57,000	45,000	62,500	73,000	S
Political/related scientists	32,000	30,000	36,000	75,000	S
Psychologists	40,000	22,000	40,000	55,000	45,000
Sociologists/anthropologists	30,000	20,000	33,500	50,900	S
Other social/related scientists	50,000	S	S	52,400	S
Postsecondary teachers-social/related scientists	49,000	S	38,000	51,600	S
Engineers, total	60,000	55,000	63,600	72,000	S
Aerospace/related engineers	65,000	61,000	68,000	78,500	S
Chemical engineers	65,000	62,000	70,000	72,100	S
Civil/architectural engineers	53,100	51,000	60,000	68,000	S
Electrical/related engineers	61,500	60,000	69,000	79,000	S
Industrial engineers	53,000	52,000	58,000	72,000	S
Mechanical engineers	58,000	55,000	60,000	72,100	S
Other engineers	59,200	55,000	62,000	71,200	S
Postsecondary teachers-engineers	60,000	35,000	48,000	65,000	S
Non-S&E occupations, total	46,000	40,000	50,000	65,000	90,000
Managers/administrators	62,000	56,000	68,000	83,500	74,400
Health/related	57,500	37,000	41,400	75,000	110,000
Teachers, except S&E postsecondary	36,000	29,500	41,000	52,000	52,000
Social service/related	31,000	27,000	37,000	40,000	35,000
Technology/technical	44,000	42,000	52,000	60,000	S
Sales/marketing	45,000	42,000	60,000	70,000	45,000
Art, humanities and related	40,000	36,000	45,000	44,000	S
Other non-S&E occupations	37,000	30,000	39,000	60,000	80,000

S = suppressed for reasons of confidentiality and/or data reliability

NOTES: The term "Scientists and Engineers" (S&Es) includes all people who have ever received a bachelor's degree or higher in an S&E field, plus persons holding a non-S&E bachelor's or higher degree who were employed in an S&E occupation during the 1993, 1995, or 1997 SESTAT surveys. Figures are rounded to nearest hundred. Details may not add to total because of rounding.

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